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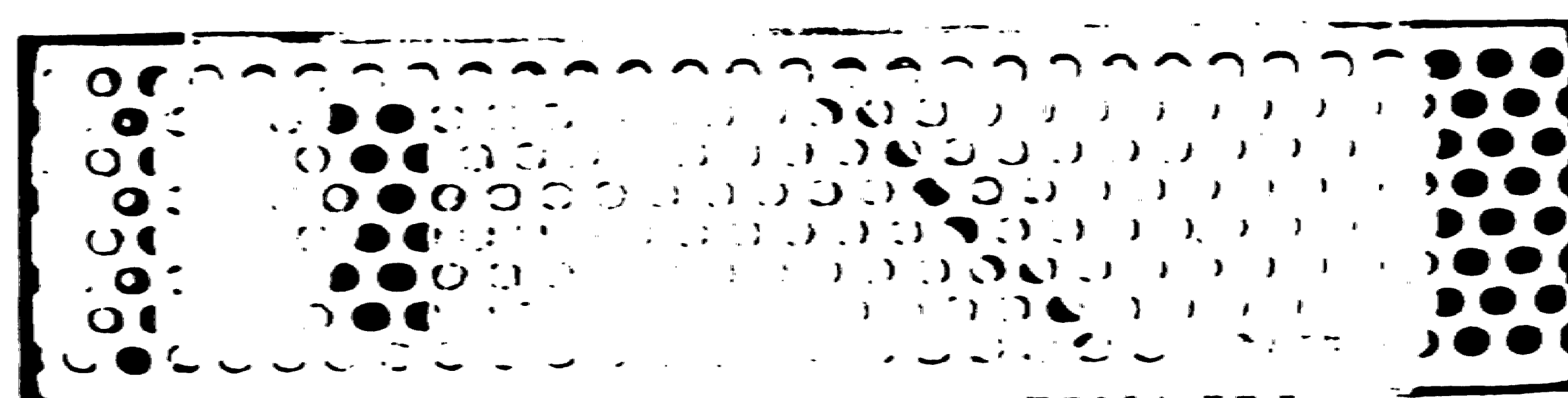
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POW/MIA MAN) ASKS THAT  
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PARENTS AND OFFER SYMPATHY.  
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AN ACTIVIST IN SOME NOT  
COMPLETELY CLEAN MIA/POW  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: American Remains Returned from Laos -- INFORMATION  
MEMORANDUM

On January 16 and February 3, 1982, at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, a former Lao Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, Gen Phoumi Nosavan and his son, Phoumano, turned over to the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center Liaison Officer quantities of remains which the Nosavans alleged were those of an American serviceman killed in Laos. The remains were escorted to the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL) in Hawaii for examination and possible identification. A CBS newsman was present for both turnovers, filming the second one.

On March 4, the Armed Services Graves Registration Office here in Washington certified a CIL recommendation that the remains were those of LCDR Nicholas G. Brooks, USN, shot down over Laos on January 2, 1970.

The Navy will notify LCDR Brooks' next-of-kin and his remains will depart Hickam AFB, Hawaii with appropriate honors as soon as final arrangements have been made.

This brings to 80 the number of remains repatriated from SEA since the end of the Vietnam War.

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